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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

## TELEGRAMS.

**SEVERE WEATHER IN LONDON.**

LONDON, December 23rd. Snow frost and thick fog have prevailed in London for five days. The Trent, Severn and upper Thames are frozen over.

**SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY'S ELECTION.**  
December 23rd.

Sir John Pope Hennessy has been elected member for Kilkenny.

**SILVER DISCUSSION AT A STANDSTILL.**  
A complete deadlock has occurred in the U. S. Congress over the silver question.

(From Singapore Papers.)  
**THE MONEY CRISIS.**  
LONDON, December 16th.

Silver securities are advancing and rising in New York owing to the belief that prospects are

favourable for legislation. Senator Sherman will introduce to the Senate on behalf of the Republican Caucus, after conference with the Hon. W. Windom, Secretary of the Treasury, a Bill providing for the purchase of the surplus silver bullion valued at twelve millions and issue one hundred millions of two per cent. bonds for the purchase of bullion when required, in order to make good the retirement of National Bank notes and recoinage of trade dollars.

## THE AMERICAN SILVER BILL.

December 17th. The Caucus having discussed Senator Sherman's Bill regarding the purchase of the surplus silver, decided to eliminate the proposal to issue two per cent. bonds for the one hundred millions. [Senator Sherman of Ohio is one of the oldest and most prominent members of the U. S. Congress, and opposed Senator Stewart's Silver Bill throughout. His opinions being all in favour of gold coinage. Of the Bill referred to in our telegram to-day nothing is known here except what appears in the telegram. It is possibly a hedging measure in opposition to the tenor of the Silver Bill introduced a short time ago by Senator Stewart, which, as previously noted, Senator Sherman fought in principle and detail. Senator Sherman is described as an astute politician, and has repeatedly been spoken of as an eligible candidate for the Presidency of the United States.]

## THE "SHANGHAI" BURNT.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Telegraphic intelligence was received here yesterday afternoon of the burning of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's fine river steamer *Shanghai* in the Yangtze river on Thursday, and of a lamentable loss of life in consequence. It is supposed that some 200 or 300 Chinese passengers were either burned to death, or drowned while attempting to reach the shore. No foreigners are reported missing. It is presumed that the *Shanghai* was bound for Hankow, and would in all probability have a full cargo. The *Shanghai*, if we mistake not, is a sister ship of the *Hankow* now running on the Hongkong-Canton line. The particulars to hand at present are necessarily meagre, but in the course of a day or two full accounts will doubtless come to hand from the north.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CHANCE is the providence of adventurers.

VANITY is the passion of a little mind and a cold heart.

A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30, precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"I wonder you are not afraid to let the baby play with the carving-knife like that," said Mrs. Smeral to Mrs. Snopce. "Oh, he can't hurt it," replied the latter. "It's an old one."

TAILOR: "You promised me faithfully yesterday morning that you would call in and settle for that suit last night. It's a fine piece of cloth." Customer: "Yes, I know, but it didn't rain pithcloths."

LORD Connemara, late Governor of Madras, whose resignation was recently announced by Reuters, arrived at Singapore on the 17th inst. en route to England via Hongkong, Japan, and the United States.

LADY: Sir, you should introduce a little change in your style of dancing. Gent: How do you mean, mademoiselle? Lady: You might occasionally step on my left foot; the right one has had enough.

We are informed by the agent of the O. & O. S. Co., that the steamship *Gaile*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 6th inst. has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port yesterday at 5 p.m.

BOBBY: "Don't be scared, Johnnie. Perhaps your father didn't mean it when he said 'you would lick you.' Little Johnnie: 'Yes, he did. It wasn't as if he had promised to bring me home a new whistle.'"

A PUBLIC meeting will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the 30th inst., at 4 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the proposals of the Jubilee Committee relative to the celebration of the jubilee of the colony.

THE monthly competition for the Faki Challenge Cup presented by Dr. Noble, was held this afternoon, and was won, a second time, by P. C. A. Watson. Only seven members competed and the shooting was indifferent.

ST. PETER'S SKAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels holding code pennant C between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30.

SAVED HIMSELF.—Mrs. Schmezz (at breakfast): "What was it you were muttering in your sleep last night, Galen—about 'pairs' and 'three of a kind'?" Dr. Schmezz: "Um—ah I met Dr. Flush while I was out, and he told me some of his experiences with twins and triplets. Must have dreamed about it!"

INTELLIGENCE has arrived in Singapore by wire, to the Agent of the P. & O. Company, that *s.s. Nebuta*, which was stranded in a dense fog on Plymouth Breakwater when upon her homeward voyage from Calcutta (says the *Press*) has now a total loss, the vessel having gone to pieces. Salvage operations are still going on actively at the wreck of the P. & O. *s.s. Hong-kong* which ran upon the Analea Rock off the island of Perim.

SIR Cecil Smith, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, has consented to preside at the Singapore Cricket Club dinner on the 12th proximo. From Sir Cecil Smith's close official associations with both Hongkong and Ceylon, and the deep personal regard felt for him by the public of both of these Colonies, it is peculiarly appropriate that to him should fall the pleasant duty of presiding at the Club dinner to the visiting sporting representatives from Colombo and Hongkong.

AN item for the consideration of all whom it may concern. What maintains one vice would bring up two children.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the *Singapore Free Press* respecting the Eight Hours' Bill as follows:—"The Eight Hours' Bill will be a chief feature in the present Parliamentary Session, and is sure to demand a deal of attention from hon. members on both sides of the House. *Inter alia* a resolution will be introduced for compelling all public bodies to adopt a maximum eight hours' day; for their employees, and the Government will be asked to grant special facilities to enable this portion of the question to be discussed. The Gladstonians intend to move for a Royal Commission on the 'legitimate hours of labour,' and the possibility and advisability of restricting them by Parliamentary legislation.

EARLY this morning the police arrested a man at Praya West on suspicion of being concerned in the late piracy case. He was taken to the Central Station and placed with a number of men for the purpose of having him identified, if possible, by the officers of the *Namoa*. Mr. Jones, the 3rd Engineer, promptly and positively identified the prisoner as being a member of the gang, and Mr. W. F. McIntosh, although not so certain as Mr. Jones, picked the same man out from the crowd who were drawn up in line before him for inspection. The man was thereupon formally charged with being concerned in the acts of murder and pillage committed on board the *Namoa* on the 10th inst. He will appear before the Magistrate on Monday next.

The *Straits Times* of the 19th inst. is our authority for stating that Governor Des Voeux received a telegram, when passing through Singapore the other day, to the effect that Mr. Parnell, while travelling in Ireland, had a bag of lime thrown in his face at historical Kilkenny and that he was seriously injured in consequence, but the doctors who were in attendance hoped to preserve Mr. Parnell's eyesight. If this is true we wonder the information has not been cabled by Reuters, but we suppose the lady who manipulates the wires in London was too deeply immersed in the same kind of studies, for of late she has devoted all her energies to the task of setting up thrilling accounts of the rise and fall in the temperature, the rain and snow storms, &c., which occur in the British Isles in common with the rest of the world.

REFERRING to the Reuters' cablegram of the 18th inst. which ran thus:—"At a meeting of the Caucus the Republican Senators rejected the Bill for the free coinage of silver," the *Straits Times* says the telegram relates to Senator Stewart's Bill, and if not considered in connection with the attitude of the various parties of the U. S. Congress towards it, it is apt to be misleading. The object of the Bill introduced by Senator Stewart (who is a Republican) is to place the silver dollar on an equal basis with the gold dollar all over the world. From the tone of our telegram of to-day it may be thought by persons ill-informed with American politics that since Senator Stewart's Bill is not accepted by his own party it will also be rejected by the Senate, which is not necessarily the case. The Silver Bill passed last session was not countenanced by the Republicans as a party at all. Rejection by the "Republican Caucus" means merely that the R. publicans will not take it up as a party measure. Last session of Congress it was a minority of the Republicans led by Senator Stewart and aided by the entire Democratic party which passed the present law, and that was only a half measure, anticipating one providing for free coinage of silver. In the present session of Congress precisely the same steps will, it is understood, be taken, that is to say, the minority of the Republicans and the entire Democratic party will unite and pass Senator Stewart's Bill, and before March next it is anticipated that there will be a free coinage of silver in the United States. It is believed and argued that in the next election for President, which occurs in two years time, the Democrats will again unite with the Republican minority which embraces the representatives of the silver producing State of the West, and will either produce Senator Stewart for President or nominate some good Democrat, in either of which contingencies free coinage is sure. In the present session the Republicans have a majority of four in the Senate and of twenty-four in the House, a majority which is lost when the Democrats unite with a section of the Republican party. The silver producing States have evidently determined to have free coinage of silver even at the expense of breaking up the Republican party.

THE unrivalled success which attended the brilliant racing career of Mr. C. P. Chater in Hongkong and Shanghai has, so far, not followed his efforts to achieve fame on English race-courses. Our popular local "sport," we believe, has been a liberal purchaser of promising blood for some instances paying high prices for well bred yearlings, but no notable victory has yet rewarded his enterprise, although a "sunder" judge of races and racing, and as a highly experienced trainer than James Wagh is not to be found at Newmarket or elsewhere. Better luck will no doubt come in time, but racing must be an unsatisfactory business to follow when the owner is ten thousand miles away from the scene of operations and unable to take any active part in either selecting his stud or controlling his horses in training. Mr. Chater's sole practical knowledge of races and racing was acquired in the Far East, but there, acquainted with his racing, he has rarely made a mistake in the merits of the Mongolian and exceptionally accurate judgment in racing matters generally, his victorious career was principally due. It shouldn't be forgotten, of course, that Mr. "Paul's" ponies were always admirably trained—poor Mr. Nickels had no superior in this department—and skillfully ridden, also that money was never allowed to stand in the way when anything of really superior class was in the market; but all these advantages are manifestly strengthened by the shrewdness and sound judgment of the owner himself. And it is more than likely that had Mr. Chater been in England to exercise some personal supervision over his race-horses during the past season, his balance at Weatherby's would have been more satisfactory than is the case. These reflections have been caused by our observing in the *Sportman* that Mr. Chater's two-year filly *Jeannie*, carrying 7st. 7lb., took part in the Chesterfield Nursery Stakes of 1,000 sovs. at the Derby November Meeting. As she started at 40 to 1 in a field of 45, her chance of winning was probably not thought very highly of, and as a matter of fact she didn't finish in the leading down but to make matters worse the Stewards imposed a fine of one sovereign on the owner for not declaring his colours. If Mr. Chater would once more declare his colours in the Happy Valley, Hongkong lovers of true sport would gladly give the popular "straw" jockey and white cap a warm reception next February, and he would, we feel certain, experience great pleasure in again winning the Chesterfield or Champions' than by the victory of Kate Allen or Jeannie in a handicap at Newmarket or Epsom.

LITTLE Johnny—I say, pa, what does a "star" mean? Pa (who is an actor and has starred)—It is an abbreviation of stagnation, my son.

WE would remind our readers that the performance of the "Corsican Brothers" is to take place at the Theatre Royal on Monday evening, under the patronage of his Excellency Sir W. G. des Voeux.

MESSRS. Benn Ashley and Co., an old established banking-house in Bombay stopped payment on the 5th instant. One or two other failures are, so our Indian exchanges state, anticipated.

THE next football match under Association rules—the Club v. Officers of the Garrison—will be played on Monday, the 9th inst. The hon. Secretary desires members of the club to wear blue and white singlets.

GOD has given us wit, and flavor, and brightness, and laughter, and perfumes, to enliven the days of man's pilgrimage and to charm his pained steps over the burning marl, and when the pilgrimage is over he Devil gives us—but dear brethren you will know that soon enough.

THE Hongkong Artillery Volunteers did the usual Boxing Day "march out" at Kowloon yesterday. It was nothing like the success it should have been owing to the unusually meagre muster. The firing, though, was good in every respect, and resulted in the utter annihilation of the imaginary enemy. At about 2 o'clock a No. 1 chow-chow was served in Mr. Mody's bungalow after which there was a good deal of entertainment for the doughty warriors in the shape of speeches, toasts, songs and recitations.

I AM enabled, says a correspondent of the *World*, on authority, to contradict the report which has been industriously circulated to the effect that Sir Edwin Arnold has severed his connection with the *Daily Telegraph* and retired from journalism. The simple truth is that Sir Edwin should have long ago retired, and he determined to spend a considerable portion of it in Japan. He has had a very pleasant time there, and will return in a few days, very soon, and will then join the editorial staff of the journal with which he has long, so closely, and so honourably been connected.

RANGOON has long suffered from the want of a dock in which ships of large size can be repaired. Vessels of any large tonnage requiring anything beyond very trifling repairs, are forced to proceed either to Calcutta or Singapore. A dock capable of repairing the largest vessels, and of fitting out the cargo and passenger ships, is a desideratum which the British Government has long been endeavoring to secure. The *Rangoon Times* believes the Company have already taken the necessary preliminary steps to commence work and that by this action, the British Government will place all interest in the commercial prosperity of Rangoon, under a great obligation to them. It is to be hoped that their enterprise will be amply rewarded by the results.

## THE "NAMOA" PIRACY.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

Mr. Wadehouse continued the inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Capt. T. C. Pocock Mr. Petersen and others, who were murdered by pirates on board the British steamship *Namoa* on the 10th instant.

THE SECOND OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

Mr. C. Richardson, second officer of the *Namoa*, said after he had had hisiffin he was sitting on the "tween decks with the second engineer when they heard two or three shots fired on the upper deck. They immediately got up and ran to their rooms where the second engineer secured a revolver and then they both went back along the "tween decks until they reached the ladder leading to the main deck when two or three shots were fired at them from the upper deck. The second engineer returned a shot with his revolver and then ran down to the engine room. Witness ran to his own room and closed the door, and wishing to lock it discovered that the key had been removed from its customary place over the wash stand, where he had seen it that morning. He remained in his room about 20 minutes while shots were being fired at his room door and "stink-pots" thrown down the "tween decks. There was a great deal of noise, shouting and running about the decks. From the port hole of his room he could distinguish the Island of Mendoza about two miles to the southward of them. The boatswain first came to witness' room, and knocking at the door told him if he went on deck and gave himself up he would not be harmed by the pirates. He then went up the companion stairs at the head of which he was surrounded by four pirates armed with revolvers who took him to the captain's room, where he discovered the captain alone staggering about with a bullet wound in his side. As soon as the Captain saw witness he called him by name and throwing his arms about him he said and clinging to him in dying agony said "I am dying." Witness laid him on the bed and he asked for some water, which the leader of the pirates had brought to him in a tin cup, but the Captain being unable to drink it witness bathed his forehead. The Captain then told witness if ever he reached Hongkong to give his love to his wife. Shortly afterwards the "tween decks" came to witness and told him that the pirates wanted him to go down into the saloon. Witness told him to go after part of the saloon. Witness told him to go up to the Captain's cabin and that the Captain was dying there. Mr. McIntosh, with the others in the saloon, then went up to the Captain's cabin followed by witness, who was again marched off in search of the chief officer. Thinking he would be in his room he went there, conducted by pirates, he knocked at the door and receiving no answer opened it and went in. There was no one inside. The "tween decks" then told him that the pirates said they would shoot him, keys of the treasure room in the drawer in which the Chief Officer kept the keys, and it being locked, they forced it open with their axes. Witness then picked out the treasure room key and was marched down to the treasure room which he unlocked, and on the pirates searching it and discovering nothing of value they appeared very angry and shook their axes over his head in a threatening manner, after which they marched him back to the Captain's cabin and after remaining there a few minutes he was again summoned by the pirates and taken to the engine room skylight to call those who were down below to come up on deck. He shouted down to the third engineer, who came on deck with the second engineer and the third officer. They were immediately surrounded by

pirates and taken to the Captain's cabin, where a few minutes after their arrival the captain expired. They all remained in the cabin until after the pirates left. After they had got the ship under way the chief officer sent him off to see if the wheel chains were in order, and in doing so he stumbled over the body of Mr. Petersen who was lying dead alongside the wheel. Witness said he could recognize the leader of the gang and a man who seemed to be second in command, who was always with the leader and both of whom accompanied him to the various places he was taken to about the ship. The other men were placed in separate stations and appeared to have a knowledge of the ship. Witness only saw about 20 pirates, but he considered there must have been many more. In his opinion resistance was impossible at any time. He saw the second engineer fire a revolver shot, but he was running at the time and didn't appear to have taken aim, and he could not say whether he hit any of them or not. Witness understood that it was a rule of the Company to supply all their officers with revolvers and ammunition, but none had been supplied him during the six months he had been on the *Namoa*, and he knew that most of the other officers had got none from the Company. The revolver which the second engineer had was private property. In other ships witness had been responsible for the serving out of revolvers and ammunition, and he thought if they had been supplied with them they would have been of service. When first he went on deck witness noticed that each of the pirates was smoking an ordinary cigar, which he considered was a signal of some kind connected with the attack, he believed that they had their arms concealed on their persons all the time prior to the attack. He did not think that the crew were mixed up in the affair in any way.

THE IDENTIFICATION OF PETERSEN.

Captain Booth of the Chinese Revenue cruiser *Fai Ho* said he saw the body of Petersen at the Mortuary on the 11th instant. The deceased was a light-keeper in the employ of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service. He was either a Dane or a Swede, and an acquaintance of the witness for about 10 years. As far as he knew Petersen was unmarried.

THE BOATSWAIN'S EXPERIENCES.

Tong Asing, boatswain of the *Namoa*, said that he was havingiffin in the fore-castle on the 10th instant together with 16 others, members of the crew. The fore-castle was shut off from the Chinese passengers' quarters by a bulkhead, so that he could not, at that time, see them. At that hour he heard the report of fire on the upper deck and at the same time the commotion came running down into the fore-castle. He heard the commotion say "I'm afraid of you," and he then ran into one of the sailor's baths and covered himself up with a blanket. Upon seeing this he sent a sailor up on deck to see what was the matter, and when the man got halfway up the ladder being fired at, at once came down again. At the same time a couple of stinkpots were thrown down into the fore-castle. The stinkpots nearly stifled him. Shortly after that the pirates came out for all the firemen to go up on deck; he also ordered the boatswain to appear before him. He did not want to go up, knowing the pirates were there. Ultimately he went up and was grabbed by a pirate who told him not to be afraid. He then told him he wanted all the European officers to go on deck and that if they would do so they would not be hurt, for all they (the pirates) wanted was money, not lives. Witness then went down into the mess-room while the pirates waited on deck. The second officer was down there, so witness brought him up. He, witness, was afraid that the pirates would burn the ship. The pirates took them to the Captain's room, and witness demanded the key of the treasure-room, which was a utility found in the chief officer's room. They did not find money in the treasure-room. Upon getting on deck they threatened to shoot him. The second officer called the second engineer and two other Europeans up from the engine room. As soon as they came on deck, they were searched and put into the Captain's cabin. He next went down to the saloon and brought out the passengers. The pirate Chief told him, witness, that they need not be afraid, and that they'd all leave the ship at 8 p.m. The passengers then came up and were robbed of all their jewellery and money. After that the Chief ordered him to go to the wheel-house. While they were speaking the other pirates said "better go and search the Chinese passengers." The Chief then left him and went with the others to search the passengers. At that time the pirates were at the helm. He, witness, was standing at the top of the fore-castle when he found himself surrounded by pirates, both men and women. It was so crowded that there was no room for them to sit down. The pirates closed the skylight and laid a heavy chain on it. There was no other place of exit from and entrance to the fore-castle than the said skylight. The pirates made him, witness, go down into the fore-castle where he stayed until 8.30 p.m. At about 4 p.m. the pirates came to the fore-castle and ordered the cook up to prepare rice for them. After being shut up in the fore-castle he could hear the noise of boxes being broken open. The noise went up, as soon as called, and did not return. At 7 o'clock he noticed the ship was going very slow, and he heard several blasts of the whistle. At 8.30 p.m. the pirate Chief ordered him to go up on deck to let go the anchor. He at once went up with the carpenter and let go the anchor. While doing it they threatened to shoot him if he was not quick about it. He "paid out" 30 fathoms of cable. One of the pirates ordered him, witness, to disable the windlass. Witness then said it was broken already. The Chief then, pointing his revolver at him, said "It is really broken" to which he replied "yes, it is." Then the pirates threw four lamps overboard. At the time he let go the anchor he saw three junks sailing away from the *Namoa* and three others alongside. The pirates then, shortly afterwards, left the ship, but before going over the side said "we've spared your lives. If anything turns up by and by, just keep quiet. We've made about \$20,000." They were in good spirits. He, witness, then went back into the fore-castle to get a cup of tea, and subsequently went away to the Captain's cabin. As far as he knew no Chinese passengers were killed. If any of them were slain he thought he would have heard of it.

His Worship.—We've heard that two women and a child were killed!

Witness—I don't think so.

Continuing, witness said he was roughly handled when being put down in the fore-castle. He would know some of the pirates again, he should have seen some of the quarters who steered the ship that afternoon could identify the Chief and several others. The pirates used a mass-whistle, *kat-kat*, and never used their firearms. The passengers in the fore-castle did not make a noise, they merely cried. The women were very quiet also. Two armed men kept guard the whole time at the top of the steps leading down into the fore-castle. They wanted the windlass broken so as to prevent the officers from lifting it, and thereby getting back to Hongkong quickly. Their object in taking the money was also not committed with a view

to preventing the speedy return of the *Namoa* to port. He assured the pirates that the windlass was broken by showing them two pieces of iron, two handles, which he said were fragments of the mechanism connected with the windlass. Some of the pirates suggested that it would be well to run the ship ashore but the Chief said "no, a lot of lives might be lost; it will be sufficient to let go the anchor." He did not hear who shot the Captain and saw no one either shot or wounded. He did not see, at the time he was on deck, any of the three quartermasters shot at.

At this juncture the inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday week, e.g. until the return of the *Namoa* from her next voyage to Foochow via ports of call which commences to-morrow, the 28th inst.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE "NAMOA" PIRACY AFFAIR.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE QUEEN'S NAVY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—Please allow me, through the medium of your columns, to call the attention of the seafaring community to the fact that it is clear by the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor administering the Government of Hongkong last week, that the blame in connection with the scandalous delay in despatching a British gunboat in pursuit of the villains who committed such dastardly acts of pillage and murder on board the British steamer *Namoa*, on the 10th instant, rests with the "Jolly old Commodore" and other Navy celebrities. This fact should be carefully noted as showing the utter futility of depending on the Royal Navy for the protection either of British commerce or British lives in these seas. This being so it behoves British officers, irrespective of shipowners, to devise ways and means—and that promptly—to prevent a recurrence of the *Namoa*, *Gryhound* and various other shocking tragedies. British officers should bear in mind that they are fully justified in adopting means for the protection of their lives, and those of the passengers entrusted to their care. It is their duty—a duty which has hitherto been regarded as obligatory only on port shipowners and Government. Had the latter done their duty in this connection, the *Namoa* tragedy would never have been the stern, the disgraceful, the shocking fact that it now is. But the mere fact of gross negligence on the part of the Navy justifies criminal *sans-froid* on the other. There is a danger awaiting those who "go down to the sea in ships" in Hongkong. The danger is imminent. Protective measures are an absolute necessity.

As a member of a powerful mercantile marine federation, I can heartily assure the marine officers of Hongkong that they will be warmly supported by the home associations in any measures which they may deem it expedient to adopt with a view to preventing a recurrence of dastardly outrages upon British ships, British officers, British engineers, and the travelling British public.

Thanking you for publishing this letter, which I forward in the hope that the *Namoa* tragedy, will not be allowed to end in a mere nine days' wonder, as did the *Gryhound* atrocities.

Yours faithfully,

A BRITISH MASTER,

M.M.S. Association.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1890.

WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—During the week a well-known coasting skipper who passed through this port had a good deal to say about the conduct of the officers of the *Namoa* during the piratical attack made on that vessel a short time ago. He said that had he been there, "he would have broken up some of the furniture in the Captain's cabin, and soon cleared the pirates out," and as good as imputed cowardice to the officers concerned. Perhaps he thinks the important air he assumes would have overawed the pirates—it might, certainly, for his air is high and laugty to a degree.

I think most people who know anything about the Chinese, and who have read the evidence of this sad affair adduced at the Magisterial Inquiry will agree that the officers of the *Namoa* acted very wisely in going quietly into the Captain's room and by remaining there, for had they attempted to oppose the pirates—armed and defenceless as they were—all of them would probably have been killed. Perhaps this "gassy" skipper will offer his service to the Force in Hongkong, and by so doing will soon make work scarce for that body.

Yours faithfully,

JUSTICE.

Aney, 20th December, 1890.

## NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. Company's Australian liner *Avila*, Capt. W. Ellis, with the Sydney mails of the 31st instant, arrived in port yesterday. We are indebted to our Australian exchanges for the following items of news:—

LONDON, November 28th.

It is understood that Mr. Parnell will issue a manifesto to his constituents on Monday in relation to his position as leader of the Irish party. He declares that he will fight the matter to the bitter end.

Referring to Mr. Gladstone's ultimatum deciding that Mr. Parnell's retention of the leadership of the Irish party must







## Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would cost per quarter at the rate of—  
 £6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for whole of life.  
 or £9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20 years.  
 or £11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15 years.  
 or £13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.

\* Secured payments.  
 THE same provisions if commenced at age 40 n. h. would cost respectively (a) £8 15 0, (b) £11 5 0, (c) £13 2 4, (d) £17 0 8 per quarter.  
 ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

982-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

THE EQUIABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [1567]

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [156]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [157]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at its Agents.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [217]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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EQUAL TO.....\$318,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MANAGER—HO AMEL.

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1884. [1250]

Hotels.

THE SHAMHEEN HOTEL

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, etc., of the best quality only.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1047]

THE HOTEL MARINA.

THIS strictly FIRST CLASS HOTEL, now moored in the Harbour of Victoria, offers guests exceptional advantages for healthfulness and Refreshing breezes—the avoidance of street noises, and the avoidance of odours, &c.

Grand Promenade Deck, Airy Dining Room, Ladies' Parlor, Billiard and Reading Rooms, Commodious Bedrooms, with separate Bathroom and Verandah to each.

The Table D'Hôte is unexcelled.

The Hotel Launch runs regularly to and from Peddar's Wharf and the Hotel Free of Charge for time table see Bill.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1890. [1178]

THE BOA VISTA.

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.

THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commanding an admirable view facing the South, was OPENED as a HOTEL on the 1st July.

Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with excellent cuisine and choice Wines.

Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths. Large and well ventilated Dining, Billiard, and Reading Rooms, and well supplied Bar.

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Mrs. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS, Proprietress.

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NOTICE.

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NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG and the Coast Ports are always ready.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1890. [1340]

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

SUGGESTIONS as to the form which a Permanent Memorial of the JUBILEE of HONGKONG should take are invited by the Jubilee Committee until the 3rd January, 1891, after which date no further suggestions can be promised entertainment.

It is requested that communications may be addressed to the Undersigned at the Hongkong Club.

By Order of the Committee, H. E. WODEHOUSE, Hon. Sec. Jubilee Committee.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1890. [1746]

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Reports and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31st, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th inst., both days inclusive.

W. H. WALKER, Secretary.

Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 15th December, 1890. [1711]

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NOTICE.

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are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour some of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1884. [171]

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ANTIPYRINE.

(Dose for Adults 15 to 35 grains Troy.)

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1889. [442]

CAUTION TO SHIPOWNERS AND CAPTAINS.

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The genuine and only Composition connected with Mr. RAHTJEN himself is HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S and packages are marked with these words and Trade Mark on an open hand in red.

REJECT ALL OTHERS.

Agents in Hongkong, F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1890. [1003]

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ENGINEERS, IRON and BRASS

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Established 1880.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1890. [1150]

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OFFICE: 9, PRAYA CENTRAL.

STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1880. [45]

W. S. MARTEN,

ARTISTIC DECORATOR,

2, DUDDELL STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [457]

## Intimations.

DOCTOR CLERTAN'S SANDAL PEARLS

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SUNDAYS.

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3 to 7.30 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

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Special Cars may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1890. [1698]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS

AND CONTRACTORS.

YAU-MAT-ENG ENGINEERING WORKS, KOWLOON.

OFFICE—No. 12, D'Aguiar Street.

Hongkong, 25th August 1889. [126]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 10th June, 1889. [1746]

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1890. [1760]

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1890. [1648]

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